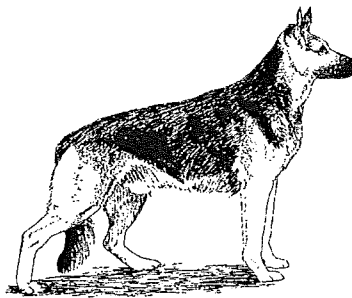
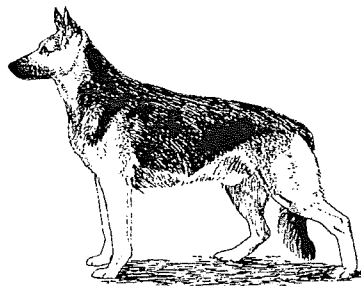
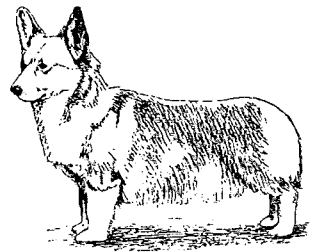
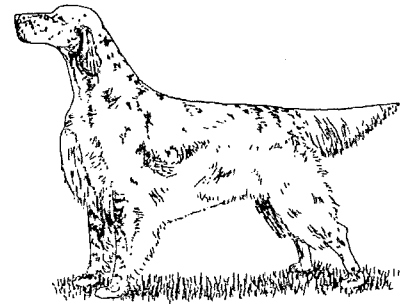
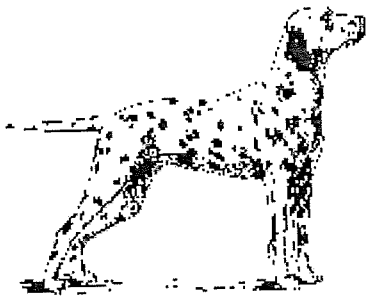


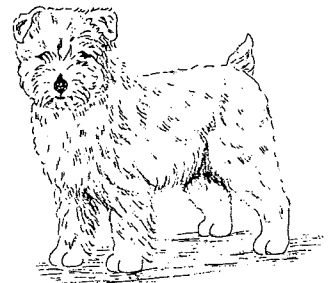
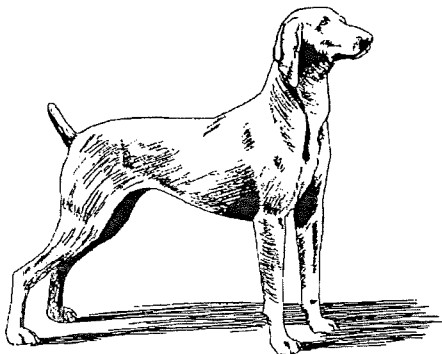
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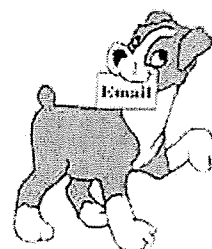
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## GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

(All reference to the Kennel Control Council becomes Victorian Canine Association – Motion 90)

The objects of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc are: -

- a. to affiliate with The Kennel Control Council
- b. to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs and Associate Registered dogs
- c. to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the KCC Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests and Field Trials
- d. to foster, promote and protect the interest of Exhibitors of dogs at Exhibitions
- e. to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding, exhibition and training of dogs
- f. to educate and encourage Members, Breeders and Judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by The Kennel Control Council for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows
- g. to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst Members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows
- h. to inform Members of, and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs
- i. to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally
- j. to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by Breeders and Exhibitors of dogs
- k. to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims
- l. to promote and assist worth causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club
- m. to invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such a manner as the Members/or the Committee in lieu thereof, shall determine
- n. to purchase, hire, lease etc and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club
- o. to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well being and improvement of dogs

..... and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club

## CLUB CALENDAR

### August

Sunday	5 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 August	<b>General Meeting – 8.00pm unless otherwise advised</b>
Sunday	12 August	Normal Training
Wednesday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Sunday	19 August	Normal Training
Monday	20 August	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm</b>
Sunday	26 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

## CLUB INSTRUCTORS

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Jenny Chase		

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Experience is  
something that you  
don't get until just after  
you need it"**

**-- Unknown**



## REPORTS

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well July is about halfway over and what a month it has been. We get all prepared for our July Double Obedience Trial and it pours rain. Part of the ground goes under water and we have to wait until the Friday to see if it is safe to run. Well when the grounds were inspected by some of the committee and some of the senior members, it was decided to cancel, because of the slippery conditions. That is when Pam, our Trial Secretary, started ringing the competitors to inform them that we had decided to cancel because of safety concerns for competitors and their dogs, as well as all of the Judges, and cancel the motel booking's. Then we have to refund the entry fees for them and also the fees for the Judges as well. The Proprietor of the Hacienda Motel was very helpful and understood. He is also going to refund our money for the rooms we had booked. For that I thank him very much.

Now to a sad note, our Trial Secretary Pam Convery has resigned from the position, so we would like someone to help us to organize the "Spirit of the West" competition in September. My thanks to all of those who volunteered their time, to help at the Trial as either Stewards or in the Canteen. As you may or may not be aware there is to be a Flyball Competition held here in August. If you are available we are to have the Canteen open to supply the competitors with Breakfast and Lunch. This has nothing to do with the GODC as it is being organized by BDAG. This would need to be open for similar times as was for our cancelled trial. I hope we can get a few members to pitch in as it will be a fundraising opportunity for us. We are still looking for someone to take over the Canteen. If you think you can help out on even the Sundays please come and see us in the office. Also keep in mind that the AGM is coming up and if you would like to stand for a position on the committee come and see us in the office as well.

Well that is all from me for now happy training.

**Jim Ball**  
**President**

**TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By now most Members will know that we had to cancel our Obedience Trials weekend earlier this month, which was very disappointing as everything was in place and ready to go, but the weather had other ideas and as much as we needed the rain, to have the Club grounds under water made it unsafe for both the Competitors and their dogs.

Trials are a lot of work there is no disputing that fact, but there is also a huge sense of satisfaction when at the end of the Trials everyone leaves with a very positive impression of our Club and an appreciation of a job well done. Luba and Janelle worked hard setting up the entries, Anne and Helen had the food organised for the Judges, Stewards, etc. Wendy had been industrious getting Stewards for all the rings and Karen had another wonderful BBQ for Saturday night underway. But sadly, they missed out on the satisfaction of seeing the success of their efforts. Well done everyone and thank you, it has been a pleasure working with you.

The decision to cancel the Trials was made on the Friday at lunchtime and then began the arduous task of ringing all the Judges, Competitors and Club workers. Thank you to the "ever reliables" – Leonie, Sandy, Alex and Janelle who came to the rescue making calls, etc. So, now it is on to 2008. The Judges have been contracted for the Agility Trials in April and with the cancellation of these Trials, the Prizes and Ribbons are ready for July's Obedience Trials. Let's hope the weather is kinder and flippers won't be needed again!

Thank you to the Hacienda Motel for their support of the Club. We had a Judge and our VCA Representative booked in for the Saturday night and they very kindly returned the fees when we cancelled the booking.

**Q:** What did the hungry  
Dalmation say when  
he'd had his meal?

**A:** That hit the spots!



**REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS (continued)**

As for me, after 18 years as a Member, 15 of which has been spent in various Committee positions, it is time to take a break. Thank you to the Members I have met along the way, but thank you in particular to your wonderful dogs who have taught me so much and been part of a great learning experience. You will never cease to amaze me.

Best wishes to the Club and all the Members.

**Pam Convery**  
Agility Trial Secretary

**TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Hi everyone, We have had a couple of busy months here. Last month we had the Steve Austin Seminar. It was a huge success with many good reports. Everyone got some useful tips and hints and I believe there maybe some changes in participants thinking when it comes to training their dogs.

Unfortunately the Obedience Trial was cancelled, after so much preparation it's a shame that the weather was against us. Well done to all those involved in preparing for the event and notifying everyone of the cancellation.

Many of you have already met Rebecca. She is a student with the National Dog Trainers Federation and is gaining experience with us. Please make her feel welcome. Soon she will be available to assist members with dog problems.

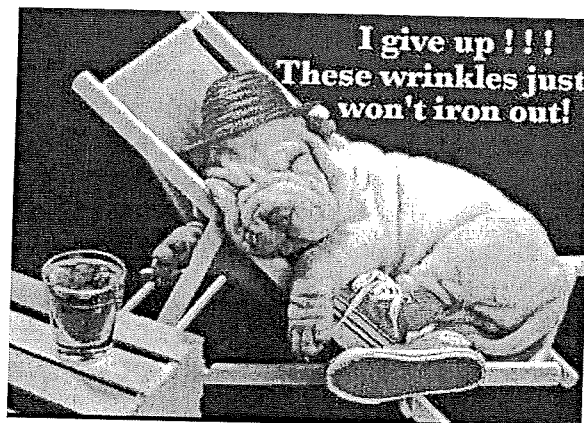
We have another seminar organised for end of September/ early October, with Gina O'Keefe. She specialises in Obedience and Agility. Look out for the flyers coming soon.

A sub-Committee has been formed to discuss and implement changes with the beginners and Merit classes. I will endeavour to have a report for Members at the August General Meeting.

September will be the Spirit of the West Challenge against Werribee, don't forget to fill out the entry forms. It's a good day out. Lets get that shield back!

That's all for now  
Enjoy your Dogs

**Tina Button**  
Training Supervisor



## ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

Advertisements are restricted to a maximum of 12 half pages per issue.

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*Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.*

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2007

Meeting opened: 8.06pm

**Apologies:** A. Shackleton, J. Brophy, M. McNair, D. Dickeson, C. Humphrey, D. Gravalin, V. Douglas.

Acc: K. Devlin

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read

Acc: L. Kelleher

Seconded: T. Button

Carried

### **Business arising from the Minutes:**

Nil

### **Correspondence Out:**

Nil

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Victorian Canine Association – amendments to 2008 fixture.
2. Victorian Canine Association – information about trials
3. Victorian Canine Association – Presidents and Secretaries conference, Monday, October 8.
4. Bellarine Dog Activities Group – donation for use of facilities for flyball, May 12.
5. Leisure Networks – Autumn Edition of Reclink
6. Leisure Networks – Leadership workshop
7. Geelong Animal Welfare Society – acknowledgement of donation
8. Barb Reeves – Jim's Dog Wash
9. Rotary Club of Highton – sponsorship of children for Circus Quirkus.
10. City of Greater Geelong – lease/licence.
11. Kerry Wilson – Queenscliff Nursing Home request.
12. E. Longshaw thank you card on the death of her father.

### **Business arising from Correspondence:**

1. C.O.G.G. Lease of land – yearly payment for a) land lease and b) licence fee.
2. Jim's Dog Wash – suggest she advertise in newsletter.
3. Circus Quirkus – unable to support this year due to lack of sufficient funds.
4. Queenscliff Nursing Home – PALS program to be suggested.

### **Treasurer's Report**

S. Eldridge read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment.

Acc: S. Malady

Seconded: J. Convery

Carried

### **Other Reports**

Canteen Manager Nil report

Hall Manager Nil report

Grounds Manager Written report

Publicity Officer Written report

Raffle Steward Nil report

Shop Manager Written report

Social Secretary Written report

Training Supervisor Verbal report – T. Button said that after discussion with instructors we should give thought to changing the content of our Beginners class. She has discussed this with members from outside clubs, and she would like to send a questionnaire to all current Beginners class members to ascertain their views on what they would like to be taught at that level.

**General Meeting Minutes – 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 (continued)**

T. Button moved “that a sub-committee be formed to assess current class structures and change the format if required. The sub-committee will consist of the training supervisor, 1 committee member, 2 instructors and 2 general members.”

Seconded: K. Devlin

Carried

Trial Secretary      Written report

Sub-Committee Reports  
Nil

Acc: P. Convery

Seconded: D. Schulz

Carried

**General Business:**

1. P. Convery moved that we purchase DVD ‘In Focus’ series. Seconded: P. Baker      Carried.
2. F. Lehrmann query re the grass seed – should this not be done by C.O.G.G. V. Douglas to pursue with A. Shackleton.
3. P. Convery requested that two wings for bar jumps for Agility training be made/purchased. P. Baker offered to make same.
4. T. Gordon would like to come down to the club to show short film on the Dingo Farm. It was suggested she be invited to attend a general meeting to show same and members advised accordingly. Publicity Officer to contact.
5. F. Lehrmann queried whether we still had a list of people available to help should it flood. He also suggested that the committee members need to be informed on what to do in the eventuality that this occurs. A meeting to be arranged to do this.
6. P. Convery suggested that the ‘new’ agility tyre be remodelled to eliminate the front bar that dogs could stand on when jumping. P. Baker to fix same.

As there was no further business meeting closed at 9.03pm.

**T Ch Glenlusk Buff Beauty “Ben”**

**26/05/07**

It was Ben's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and what a better way to spend it then with him doing something that he enjoys doing.

We set off for the GRCV Restricted Breed Tracking Trial not expecting much as we hadn't done much training. Boy were we wrong!!! As I waited to go out the nerves started to grow, as did the wind. Since it was the beginning of the season we knew we had a lot of time to get this last tracking title. The paddock was huge and scary. Off Ben went,

pulling me along and I was just following behind. He had lots of sheep poo to eat on the way – at least this time we didn't roll in any.

If you asked me what the track was like I would say I had no idea, I just trusted my dog, got in behind him and followed where he took me. Yes we get off the track, but that is the way he tracks, he always comes back. The article indication was the best of his whole tracking experience. Tracking Ben has been challenging but we have worked together as a team and trusted one another, gained our passes together and our fails we have learnt from together. He has been a great part of the tracking team that we have created and given me so much joy. Thanks Ben for letting me be part of the team.

**Deb Hamilton**



# Thank You

Hi Members

I'd like to send special thanks to those who offered to help steward during the Club's Obedience Trial. Nine Rings with 13 Stewards needed each trial was a lot of stewards to find.

To my regulars, thank you very much for offering to stand out in the rings for a number of hours, either all day or half a day. To those who offered for the first time, my Special Thanks to you.

I'm sorry you didn't get to put into practice what you were going to do but I'm sure if you are willing you will be called upon for next years trials.

I hope the hurried Stewards workshop was of help to those who attended and I also thank those who brought up queries or added something that I had forgotten to mention.

What a sad way to end the year being washed out.

I feel for Pam, Janelle, Luba, Annie, the kitchen people (sorry I don't know your names) and those who baked items for the weekend as well as those handlers who were hoping that during one of the trials their dog would get that elusive pass for a Title.

If I've missed anyone please accept my thanks to you too.

Wendy Ganley  
Steward Organiser  
GODC Obedience Trial 2007



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Recently approved for purchase - The In Focus Training Series available on DVD

1. Crying for Control
2. Foundation Work
3. Need for Speed



The following Article is an interesting insight into Guide Dog Training in the 1960's and 70's. It is taken from a Royal Guide Dogs For The Blind magazine donated to the Club.

Happy Heeling---Robyn and Peg



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## THE LIFE OF A GUIDE DOG

### From a dog's point of view

I was born on October 18, 1969. One of a litter of four. My mum wasn't very happy about the event, as it meant a trip to the vet's. However, all went well and we arrived at the planned time; one black and three golden pure bred labrador pups.

At the age of six weeks, the puppy walker supervisor from Kew headquarters came to see if we were any good. Our test wasn't really very interesting, this female human put us out for a run in a big yard. We were all having fun when she decided to shatter our yapping with a thing called a starter gun; but to her surprise, it didn't annoy us any, and we just continued to play our puppy games and completely ignored her. She wanted to nurse us, and we really didn't mind that either as it was rather nice just lying in her arms.

A few days later our family was broken up; it was rather sad seeing my brothers and sisters being carried away in the arms of these big humans. I wondered just where they were taking me and I soon found out! We arrived at a big house where we were met by a female and male human who cuddled and petted me, saying all kinds of silly things into my ears. I was placed in a big box full of warm rugs but I was very lonely and I did want my mother, it was so cold without her to snuggle into. Thank goodness, the humans knew this, and gave me a nice hot water bottle to keep me warm. I tried to settle down, but the tears came pretty easily. I was glad when morning came, and the humans brought me a dish of warm milk. It did help, as I was very hungry. This was followed by a run on the back lawn, and a play with my new friends. I looked everywhere for my brothers and sisters, but guessed that they too, had been given to new human beings to be looked after.

Oh, well! After plenty of patting and nursing, plus good warm food, I finally resigned myself to the fact that this was my new home, so decided to explore it to see if there was anything of interest around for a small pup to play with. In one room I found a pretty basket full of a lot of funny things, so decided to tip it over to see what was underneath. The cotton balls didn't taste too good, but I had fun pulling them and all the paper to pieces. I did want to go for an "urgent" walk, but these silly humans didn't realise this so I just had to make a puddle on the nice soft carpet. I was very hurt when the female human came into the room and saw this, because she smacked my bottom and rubbed my nose in it. I really couldn't help it so next time the "urge" came I just sat

and howled and howled until they carried me out onto the lawn. After that they took me out often, and I certainly felt much happier.

The weeks went by very quickly, and each day there seemed to be something new to learn. When I was four months old, the lady from Kew came to see me, and she put a lead thing on me, and we went in a car down to the shops in the main street. It was rather "scarey", all the noise and the traffic, but she talked to me and her voice was so nice I knew that she was going to look after me. We walked across roads and into the doorways of shops, and in one of these there was a funny thing that the humans tried to pretend was a dog of some kind. It had a harness around it and it was just sitting there. I investigated it at close range but it wasn't really worth my interest so I moved on to better things, including another four-legged animal which smelled like a dog, but, as he didn't look like my brothers and sisters, I wasn't too keen on him. My new master took me for lots of walks, always on a lead, and each time I wanted to stop at a tree or post I was gently tugged away. I guessed that it was yet another rule that I had to learn, so I gave up the idea of stopping unless he told me to. I had to walk on his left side and wondered why, until I saw how he always used his right hand to carry parcels or open gates etc. I couldn't just leap up steps and stairs, but found it easier just to walk up quietly as he didn't tug me then.

Every few months the lady from Kew headquarters came to see me and took me for walks. She seemed pleased with the way I behaved as there was always a pat and nice words said to me. When I was 14 months old I was taken in a special thing they call a "mini-van" on a long trip, away from my master and mistress, and soon found out that the place we landed at was to be yet another home for me. It really was great though, because I met my brothers and sisters again, and also plenty of other dogs. We soon became real friends. Our daily routine became not only a game for me, but also hard work, always learning, always being spoken to in a nice firm voice by my new master who took me walking everyday into strange streets and places, that I had never been before, crossing busy roads, where the cars stopped when they saw my harness with my master holding it. Learning how to lead him

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**LibraryNews (continued)**

away from gutters, rubbish bins on the footpaths and anything that may harm him. We were always tired when we returned to the kennels, but it was a great life, something new to learn every day.

After a while my master took me to a room where a young man was sitting on his bed. I liked him as soon as I saw him and he must have liked me, because he cuddled and rubbed me, laughing and even crying as he spoke wonderful words of joy into my ears.

I wondered why my master left me with this young man, but I didn't mind as I found a beautiful warm bed had been put into this room, just for me! With my new friend to talk to me, I was quite happy to settle down. When we went walking the next day my master came with us, but my new friend held the harness. We went along many streets and got on fine together. On our return to the place where we were living my friend brushed and combed me and also gave me my dinner. After a few days of this, I realised once again, that I had another new master. I didn't mind, as he was a nice young man, and wanted me with him all the time, day and night. We got on well together. After a few weeks, my master packed all his clothes into a case, and with my old master, we were taken to a plane. I wasn't scared as I had been on them before. After a fair while of flying through the air, we arrived at yet another new home.

The other humans in this home made a great fuss of me, when my harness had been taken off. After a warm meal, it was lovely just to lie down in front of the fire beside my master's chair.

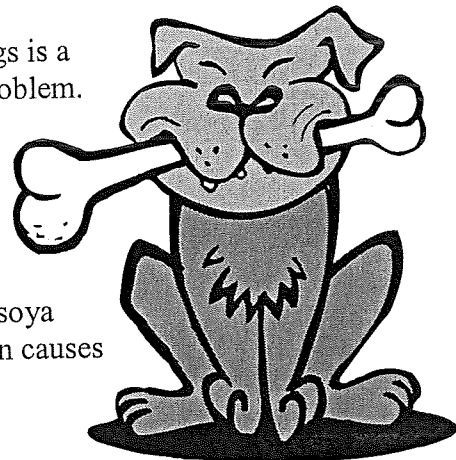
Our life together became great fun, as we walked to and then rode on trams to his place of work, returning to the comfort of our home each night. We were wonderful mates, he loved me and looked after me so well, and I now knew why I etc. had been learning all the rules and how to watch for danger in all the streets during my training over the past months.

I was a special kind of dog not just a pet, not just a "lap" dog, but a true mate to a special person, a blind person. I was a fully trained "guide dog".

*[This delightful story came to us from the Ararat Auxiliary. The talented author is Mrs. Irene Watson, Auxiliary Hon. Secretary. Thank you, Irene, it's a beauty! —Editor]*

**Phew! - What's that smell?**

Flatulence in dogs is a very common problem. It is often caused by cheap diets that are high in vegetable protein, such as soya bean. Soya bean causes gas.

**What you can do about it**

\* When you are shopping for dog food, check the ingredient list on the bag and make sure that the main ingredient is lean protein like chicken, and not vegetable protein.

\* Exercise your dog more often.

\* If it's a real issue, you can try giving your dog charcoal tablets.

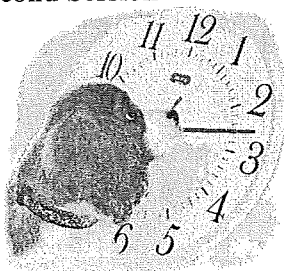
\* If the problem still persists, see your vet for advice.

**CLASS TIMES****First Session****9.15am to 10.15am**

Puppies under 6 months  
Merit - Merit Revision - Graduate  
Graduate Revision - Beginners Agility  
Intermediate Agility - Tricks Class - Social Class

**Second Session****10.45am to 11.45am**

Beginners - Beginners Revision  
Agility Foundation - Advanced Agility



So that you can get the maximum benefit please make sure that you are in your designated area with your dog prepared and ready to start on time. In classes where equipment is used, offering your assistance with the setup will reduce delays



## The Welcome

... by Jana Mauney

I hear it! I hear the car! HER car! And she's coming this way! Oh, oh, I must run in and grab a gift! I must greet her with a gift! Oh, 'BONK' missed the step. No matter, I must hurry. Move over, doggy door! She's coming, she's coming! Gift, gift, where, what, oh, oh, oh, ah! A plastic bottle she drinks from, right here on top of the container they call trash!

Oh, perfect. She's coming, she's coming! Oh, oh, oh... The door! I hear the door sound that sounds right before she comes in! Oh, it's OPENING! SHE'S HOME! Oh, oh, 'wiggle, wiggle, wiggle' I cannot be still! You're home! And look, look, I have this nice bottle! Oh, oh, you're home! YOU'RE HOME! I have missed you so much, you've been gone hours, weeks, days, years! And so much has happened! A dog ran by and I chewed a tree and Pluto slept under the house and it rained a little! Oh, oh, oh! You're home, you're home!

And you're touching me! I can't stand it, it's so marvelous! Oh, and you're speaking! "Murble, murble, good boy, murble, murble." YES! Your happy voice. Oh, I'm about to burst! I'm so happy, happy, happy! Yes! I want to jump! I'm not supposed to jump, but oh, oh, just a little jump!

"Off." Darn. Oh, I cannot be still. I'll roll over and wiggle on my back! Oh, yes! She's rubbing me-my tummy, my head, my sides! Oh, oh, oh. Now what? Now where's she going? Oh, oh, yes! Back to the

room where we sleep at night! Great! It has the big pad we sleep on and 'L-E-A-P' I can get up here close to her. And here she comes! Oh, oh, oh! I can stand on my legs and put my paws around her neck and-uh oh. Can't lick with this bottle in my mouth. But it's my present to her! Oh, oh, what to do? And she's rubbing me! But I want to lick her, oh, oh, I think I'm about to burst! "Off." Oh, darn. Drop the bottle. Oh, YES! She's coming back! She took off the pieces she puts on her eyes, and I can stand and 'lick, lick' I love you, I love you, I love you, I love 'lick, lick, lick' you taste so good, salty, sweet, I love that stuff you smear on your face every day, I love to lick it off, oh, oh, and you're rubbing me again! My back, my head, my ears, oh, oh 'lick, lick, lick'. "Murble, murble, Mac, good boy, murble, murble." "Off." Darn. I will lay here and watch her. Watch her peel her fur-it's not very warm fur, I don't think. How does she do that? And I will get that look on my face that always makes her come and rub me. The look where I roll my eyes up, and keep my head flat here and she will come...and she's putting on her play skin! YES! We will play-sometime. My tail cannot be still. I am SO happy, happy, happy.

Now she's going in the room with the wonderful water bowl! I LOVE that water bowl-always cool, clean water! She'll be out in just a minute, just a minute, just a....yes, she's coming! She's here again. Oh, oh, oh....

Now back to the room with the box that has pictures and sounds. Ah, I know what happens now. Yep, she's laying down on the big pad there. Now she'll sleep. But that's okay. She's HOME! SHE'S home. She's home.

And she smells tired. So I will lay beside her here and guard her and wait while she sleeps. And when she wakes up she won't smell so tired. And we'll play and play.

S-i-g-h. I'll just rest with her now, and smell her while she sleeps. And wait again. For, the next thing that happens, HE'LL be home. And then, oh, oh, zzzzzzzzzz.....

## VCA TRIAL RESULTS

### Warringal Obedience Dog Club – Open Agility, Jumping & Games Trial – Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

#### Novice Gamblers

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET (Cooper) Boxer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD (Mason) Golden Retriever	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	12 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Novice Strategic Pairs

Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET JD (Yoda) Boxer	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	11 <sup>th</sup> Place
Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD (Mason)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	11 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Excellent Strategic Pairs

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET (Cooper) Boxer	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	9 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Novice Snooker

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	? Place ***SD Title***
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#### Excellent Snooker

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET (Cooper) Boxer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
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#### Novice Jumping – AM

Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty) Associate	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	8 <sup>th</sup> Place ***JD Title***
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#### Novice Agility – AM

Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty) Associate	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
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#### Open Agility – AM

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
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#### Novice Jumping – PM

Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty) Associate	Pass	7 <sup>th</sup> Place
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#### Open Jumping – PM

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	5 <sup>th</sup> Pass	7 <sup>th</sup> Place ***JDO Title***
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#### Novice Agility – PM

Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty) Associate	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
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#### Open Agility – PM

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD Boxer (Kimbo)	4 <sup>th</sup> Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place <i>Best Geelong Member In Trial</i>
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**VCA Trial Results (continued)****Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2007****Novice**

Peter Roupas	Streahraer Blue Diamond CCD (Elke)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		182 pts

**Sunbury & District Obedience Dog Club – Open Agility & Jumping Trial – Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2007****Novice Jumping – AM**

Debbie Hamilton	T Ch Goldscout Adventuress (Cassie)	NQ	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

**Excellent Strategic Pairs**

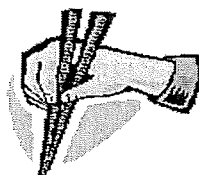
Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD JDO SD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Boxer (Kimbo)		
Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET (Cooper)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Boxer		

**Tracking Club of Victoria – Open Tracking Trial – Broadford – Sun, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2007****Test 1**

Peter Roupas	Ch. Evergold Highland Chief (Jock)	Pass	Good
	Golden Retriever		

**Test 2**

Wendy Ganly	Poruse Diamond Dealer (Gambit)	Pass	Very Good
	Australian Shepherd		

**\*\*\*TD Title\*\*\***

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# Homework

*The following article is reprinted from 'Faithfully Your' – Issue Number 19, 1987 – and was written by Dick Wiltink who was Assistant Training Supervisor at the time. Dick was a respected Judge and competitor and was elected President of the Club in October 1999, but sadly passed away before he had a chance to complete the role he had enthusiastically accepted. This article is as relevant today for Promotion Days and Trials as it was in 1987.*

“Homework”. Doesn't it remind us of our own school days! There are still some of us who take our homework seriously, but there are others who either leave the homework until the last day or don't bother at all. In dog training, any dog will perform only to the extent that it was trained by its handler.

In Obedience Trials, I have seen many handlers blaming their dogs for not performing and overheard many excuses for lost points on heeling, stand for examination, the recall and probably most of all the long sits and downs. Of course it is always the dog's fault, and the statement “My dog does every exercise perfectly at home”, is always heard.

There are a lot of handlers who take their homework very seriously and regularly train their dog. However, on Trial days even some of these dogs do not perform and lose points, even though each dog, prior to the Trial was trained to a “t”.

I have talked to a lot of these handlers and found that indeed they had put a lot of time into training their dog. But when I asked them where they trained their dog the answer was the same, most of them had trained their dogs either in a park or on an oval and some of them even in their backyard. But all of them assured me that their dog had done all the exercises faultlessly. The answer is rather simple. These dogs were trained on their own without any interruptions or interference. Whether you train a small dog or a large dog, my question to you is why go into hiding.

I am a great believer in training a dog on the footpath instead of a park, but I will never tell my handlers to “go to town” straight off. And I also know that when one takes a German Shepherd or a Doberman or Great Dane or a Rottweiler to the local shopping centre or to town, one has that unfortunate feeling that one walks alone, as people tend to scare away from a person with a large dog on a leash.

There is however, a vast difference between (a) a person with a dog (whether it be a large or small

dog) on a leash and (b) a person with a dog (large or small) who continuously jumps up or runs around the handler sniffing and barking at anything in its path. It is thus no wonder that people will let person (b) have all the road. If on the other hand people see a handler with a well-behaved dog at heel, they will stop and watch and some may even want to talk to the handler and touch the dog.

It is also easy to see that handler (b) has never done his homework, especially if they owned the dog from puppy hood. Puppies should be taught from the beginning how to walk next to the master on leash and they should be introduced to all sorts of objects and noises. The handler in instance (a) has done his homework and if he/she owned this dog from puppy hood he/she was aware of the critical periods in the puppy's life and has provided the correct environment and learning techniques. This handler can be assured that the dog is developing emotionally and socially to its full potential.

To start this “road training”, I always tell handlers to stick to their own environment. Put the dog on a leash and on the first day of training turn left outside their front gate. All exercises can be taught on the footpath. The “sit” is a must at every kerb while the handler waits until the road is clear of traffic before crossing. In between crossings, the “stand” and the “down” can be practiced. One can also practice the left and right turns by crossing over to the other side of the road providing it is clear of traffic.

The “road training” has all sorts of advantages, one has distractions like other dogs and cats crossing one's path, people walking by, children on bikes or playing ball, children running past screaming and swinging their school bags, cars and motorbikes going past and in some cases people on horses.

The biggest advantage of this “road training” is that the handler and the dog become more aware of each other and both become more alert. And whilst this “road training” is certainly good for the



**HOMEWORK (continued)**

dog it also helps the handler to train themselves to walk in a straight line and so cut out the 45 degree angle we so often see at Club Classes.

Crooked sits, stands and downs are easily corrected on the footpath. If the dog has a habit of doing these exercises crookedly, then practice them close to a fence or wall. Have just enough room for the dog to heel next to you then make him sit, stand or drop. After practicing this for a while you can slowly move further away from the fence or wall.

Stand for Examination. What better ways than letting other people touch your dog? I have already said that people will stop and watch a handler of a well-behaved dog on a leash, so why not ask them to touch your dog? No matter how much effort and homework we put into training our dogs there still remains one very important problem and that is "routine". All the effort and time spent on training our dogs seems to be lost once the dog gets into a routine and it may take months to get the dog out of it.

For instance, if we leave home with the dog and at the front gate we turn left and train the dog on that stretch of road for a week, then that has become a routine to the dog. The dog will become sluggish and anticipates the next exercise. To avoid this we should the next day, turn right outside the front gate or we should cross to the other side of the road, which for us may be just the other side of the road, but to the dog it is a whole new world.

Training times are very important too. A dog has a built in alarm clock and if we train our dog every afternoon at say 4 o'clock and one day something comes up which means that we are unable to go at that time some dogs will put up quite a performance while other dogs will sulk

and even refuse to eat. Training times should therefore, be altered day to day.

Exercises like the recall should also be varied. For instance, start with leaving the dog in a sit position and walk away for some 15 metres, then turn and call him. Next time, leave the dog and walk away for only 10 metres or lengthen this to 20 metres. Vary the time between turning to face him and calling him and also the time that he sits in front of you before giving him the command to finish. That way we put some variations into the exercise, but never alter the principal feature. All of this can be practiced on the footpath.

In Obedience Trials or Class tests most points are usually lost in the long sits and down exercises. One can see dogs breaking their position when they hear a noise or if they see another dog walking or working in the next ring. It would be fair to assume that these dogs were reined in a park or on an oval. Other dogs break position when the time is up and just before their handler has returned to them and in these cases it can be assumed that these handlers never altered or varied their training times in these exercises. No fault of the dogs, they stayed for the principal time and probably thought they had done a good job. Remember the built in alarm clock.

Exercises in Novice, Open and Utility can be altered and do not necessarily have to be practiced in the same order as they are listed in the manual. This way we eliminate anticipation by the dog. He must guess our next move and so he becomes more alert and attentive.

Class test and Obedience Trials can either be fun for the dog and handler or can be a day of sheer frustration. It all depends on how well we do our 'HOMEWORK'.

**Contact Details**

Please help us keep our records up to date. If you are moving or if you change your telephone number please remember to advise us of your new contact details.

**Equipment Set Up and Pack Away**

Our Instructors and Grounds people volunteer their time at the Club each Sunday to help you. They often struggle alone with the setting up and packing away of equipment and water buckets etc.

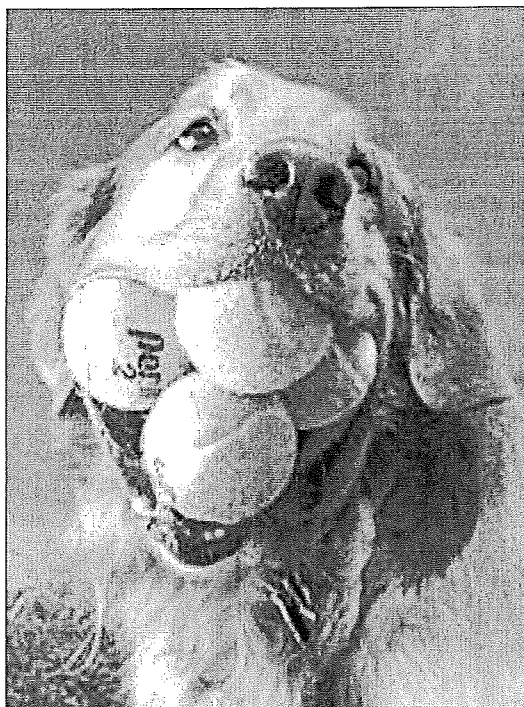
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## DAWG DAZE

**Below:** Tennis anyone?



**Right:**  
Billy's  
shooting  
the breeze



Sent in by Kate Watchorn

Have you got a funny photo of your dog? If you think others would enjoy it and would like to share it with us, write a caption and send it in. We'd love to see it here.



## CANINE COOKERY

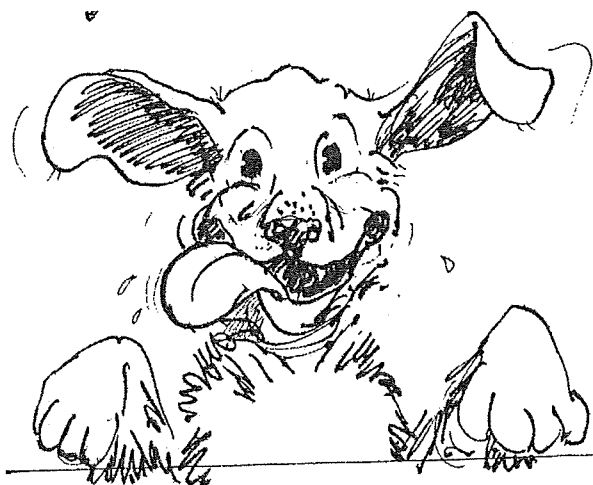
### APPLE CINNAMON TRAINING BITS

*Ingredients:*

- 4 cups whole wheat flour**
- ½ cup cornmeal**
- 1 egg**
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil**
- 1 small apple (grated)**
- 1 1/3 cups water**

*Method:*

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the apple and water. Grate apple into mixture and add water. Mix until it starts forming together. Turn out on a lightly floured surface. Knead well. Roll out to a thickness of ¼ inch to ½ inch. Take a straight edge and score the dough horizontally then vertically to make a grid of ¾ squares, being careful not to score the dough completely through the dough. Place on a baking sheet that has been sprayed with a non-stick spray and bake at 325 for 1 hour.



## A POETRY PAWS

### The Stray's Prayer

*Author Unknown*

Dear God, please send me somebody who'll care!  
I'm tired of running, I'm sick with despair.  
My body is aching, it's so racked with pain,  
and dear God I pray, as I run in the rain  
that someone will love me and give me a home,  
a warm cozy bed and a big juicy bone.

If you find one for me God, I'll try to be good,  
and I won't chew their shoes, and I'll do as I should.  
I'll love them, protect them and try to obey....  
when they tell me to sit, to lie down or to stay!  
I don't think I'll make it too long on my own,  
'cause I'm getting so weak and I'm so all alone.

My last owner tied me all day in the yard,  
sometimes with no water, and God that was hard.  
So I chewed my leash, and I ran away.  
To rummage in garbage and live as a stray.  
But now God, I'm tired and hungry and cold,  
and I'm so afraid that I'll never grow old.

Each night as I sleep in the bushes I cry,  
'cause I'm so afraid God, that I'm gonna die.  
And I've got so much love and devotion to give,  
that I should be given a new chance to Live!  
So dear God, please answer my prayer,  
and send me someone who will REALLY care...

That is, Dear God, if YOU'RE REALLY there!

They've chased me with sticks and hit me with stones,  
while I run the streets just looking for bones!  
I'm not really bad God, please help if you can,  
or have I become just a "Victim of Man!"  
I'm wormy dear God and I'm ridden with fleas,  
and all that I want is an Owner to please!



### How a Dog Trots

*by Stephen Whiteside*

Have you ever noticed when a  
Dog trots down the street,  
He doesn't face straight forward.  
There's an angle to his feet.

His body tilts a little, so one  
Shoulder slightly leads.  
Likewise, one hind leg trails.  
It somehow suits his needs.

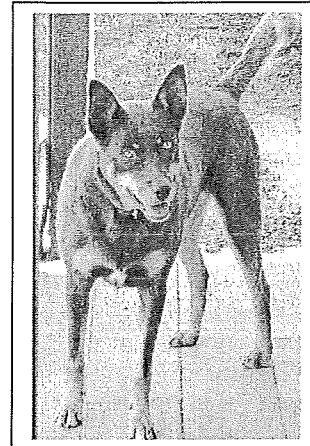
It's somehow more effective if he  
Trots a tad off square,  
And he lets his tongue hang sideways,  
And he doesn't have a care.

Yes, he doesn't have a worry,  
And he moves on nimble feet,  
Smiling widely, trotting lightly,  
Trotting, trotting down the street.

## DUSTY

### Sandy Brit JD

It was with some trepidation that we entered our first Agility trail at Geelong in April. Our first event was Novice Agility. This ended in us being eliminated when Dusty jumped on the table instead of going over a jump. Then we tried a game called Snooker. Dusty clipped the broad jump. Eliminated again! Our afternoon event was Novice Jumping. Could we make 3 out of 3 eliminations? Instead Dusty went perfectly around the ring. In a time of 32.41 secs (course time 38 secs) we won our first Jumping Dog pass.

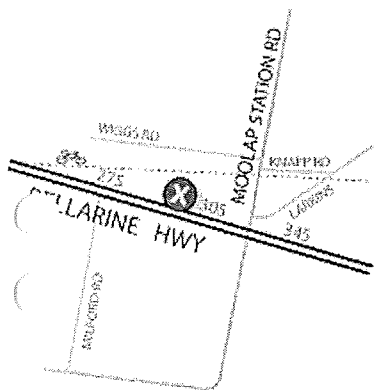


We then headed to Ballarat in May. After missing a weave pole in our first Agility event, going in the wrong end of the tunnel in Jumping and knocking down a pole in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Agility event, Dusty and I lined up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Jumping course. Dusty did this course beautifully and we came away with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Jumping Dog pass with a time of 36.68 secs (course time 38 secs)

With 2 Jumping Dog passes we headed to Warringal on June 16<sup>th</sup> to try for the 3<sup>rd</sup> pass we needed for a title. This time everything fell into place for us. We managed a pass in Novice Agility then headed to the Jumping ring. With a time of 29.98 secs (course time 31 secs) Dusty and I succeeded in obtaining our Jumping Dog Title.

Dusty is a fairly laid back Kelpie. Why run when you can trot? But our success shows that slow and steady can win (with a bit of perseverance). Thank you to Trish and Gleny's and all the Agility folk who have supported us on our journey so far.

Lyn Wills



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### PUPPY CLASS

<u>(6 months and under)</u>	<u>EXERCISES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Heel on lead	Includes a sit and stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

### CLASS ONE

Heel on lead	Includes right turns only, sit, stand, drop from sit position	50
Stand Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Recall	on lead with automatic sit or on handler's command. Handler return to dog	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

### CLASS TWO

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop from sit position, slow pace	50
Recall	On lead with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 30 seconds – on lead, leads length	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 1 minute - on lead, leads length	10
		100

### CLASS THREE

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop while heeling, fast & slow pace and figure 8	50
Stand for Examination	Light head and body only	10
Recall	Off lead 3 metres with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise – 1 minute – lead on ground, half width of ring	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise – 2 minutes – lead on ground, half width of ring	10
		100

**CLASS FOUR**

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand for examination	Full exercise	10
Recall	Off lead - 10 metres - handler around dog	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 2 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
		100

**CLASS FIVE**

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand Free for examination	Full exercise	10
Recall	Full exercise plus finish	20

**Optional**

Change of Position	Full exercise	20
Retrieve Dumbell	Full exercises	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width of the ring	30
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 3 min - off lead - half width of the ring	30
		140

**CLASS SIX**

Full Novice exercises for untitled dogs

**CLASS SEVEN**

Full Novice exercises for titled dogs who have not entered an Open Class

**CLASS EIGHT**

Full Open exercises for untitled dogs

**CLASS NINE**

Full Open exercises for titled dogs who have not entered a Utility Class

**CLASS TEN**

Full Utility exercises

**CLASS ELEVEN**

Full UDX exercises

**AGILITY CLASS**

To be conducted basically at Novice level, with extra jumps and fault handicaps for all Titled dogs. No refusal penalties for untried dogs.

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**Judging at completion of competition while scores are being tallied****CLASS TWELVE – JUNIOR HANDLERS**

Two age groups – 7 to 12 years, 12 to 18 years. Juniors must handle the dog they normally handle in Class. Class One (1) level will be used to conduct the test.

**CLASS THIRTEEN – VETERAN'S CLASS**

For dogs 7 years or over. Exercises will be provided on the day.

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**"SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ENTRY FORM****HANDLER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_**DOG'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_**CLASS ENTERED** \_\_\_\_\_ **Height at shoulder (Classes 8, 9, 10, 11)** \_\_\_\_\_**INSTRUCTOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOG'S DATE OF BIRTH (Veterans)** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not entering, but would be willing to Steward or Judge, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form below and return it to the Office, circling whether stewarding or judging and Class preferred

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_**STEWARD****JUDGE****CLASS PREFERRED** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If possible)

The 2001 census revealed about one fifth of all Australians are living alone, and the figure has probably crept up since then as the country moves to fulfill an Australian Bureau of Statistics projection that in 20 years time the number of lone person households will increase by up to 105%.

But alone doesn't have to mean lonely. Many lone person households are choosing the companionship of a dog or cat to make their house a home. "A dog or a cat provides companionship, loyalty and a sense of security," Petcare Information and Advisory Service (PIAS) consultant Denise Humphries said.

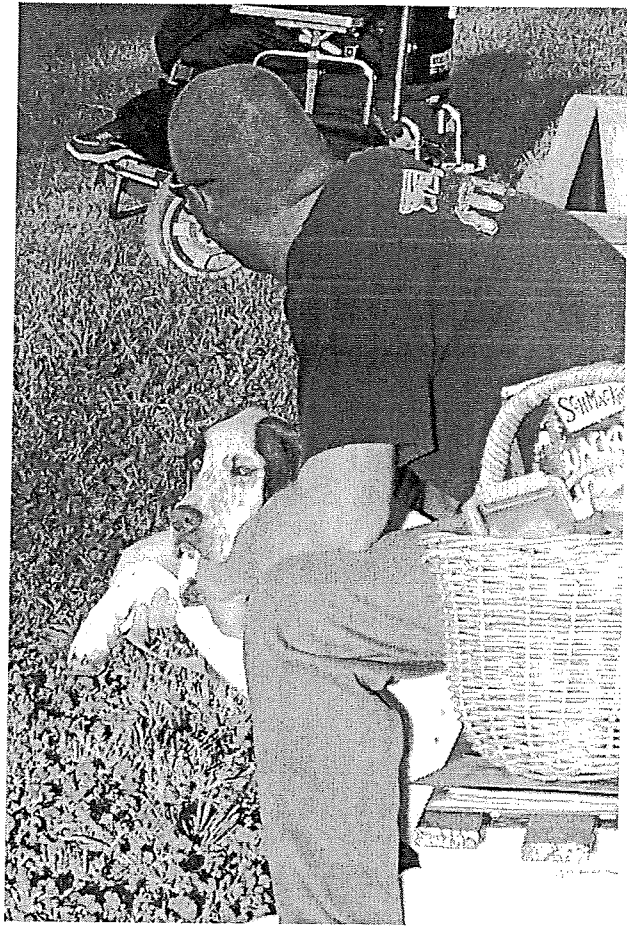
## Alone But Never Lonely, Not While There's a Pet Around

*Source: [petnet.com.au/releases](http://petnet.com.au/releases)*

Figures from AusVet show that in 2002 lone person households accounted for 15 per cent of cat and more than 20 per cent of dog ownership in Australia. In another survey, conducted by NewsPoll for PIAS in 2004, 94 per cent of women said companionship was the main benefit and reward of dog ownership. "The therapeutic benefits of pets have long been recognized," Ms Humphries said. "Having a happy and loving pet to come home to, or who greets you in the morning, can provide a sense of motivation and responsibility which is a strong antidote to loneliness."

A range of scientific research indicates that owning a dog or cat – or even a parrot or goldfish – can be good for you in all sorts of ways, from easing depression and promoting a quicker recovery from a heart attack. For dog owners, it can also involve taking up exercise and socialising with neighbours in the local *dog park*.

These benefits have instigated a pilot health care scheme in the UK which includes the National Health Service providing budgets for patients to



acquire a pet where it is agreed it may assist recovery of an illness such as depression.

In Australia, many people seem to be taking that step on their own. "Clearly, many sole person households are deciding to own a dog or a cat," Ms Humphries said. "A pet brings companionship to a home and dogs are often taken to visit people in hospitals or aged care for this very reason. "As single person households increase, we're expecting to see more of the people in them take on the joys and responsibilities of pet ownership."

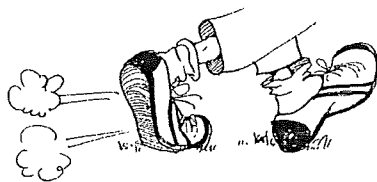
### Australia – A Nation of Pet Lovers

*Australia is a nation of pet lovers. It is estimated that 64% of the 7.5 million households in Australia have some type of pet.*

*52% of these households own either a dog or a cat.*

*Over many years, Australian and international research has shown that owning pets can help improve a person's mental and physical health, reduce the effects of stress; help children learn about responsibility, facilitate social interaction between people and build a sense of community.*





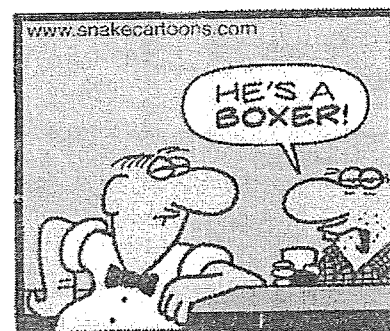
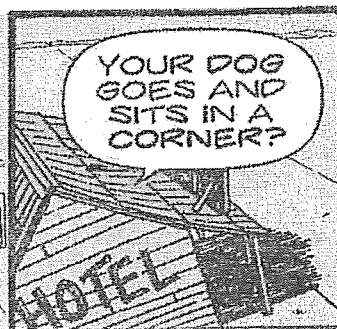
## For Dog's Sake, pick up!

Please clean up after your dog to ensure that dogs retain their rights to parks, beaches, dog-friendly accommodation facilities, walking trails and other public places.



## SNAKE TALES

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### PORUSE DIAMOND DEALER TD "GAMBIT"

I was up at 4.00am and off to Broadford at 5.00am on Sunday to see if Gambit could pass his Tracking Test 2. He had already passed his tracking qualifying test and test 1.

It involved Gambit tracking an unknown tracklayer that had walked over a paddock of about 800 metres which included at least 3 turns of at least 90 degrees as well as placing three socks at strategic places on the track.

It's very scary standing in the middle of a huge paddock and wondering where on earth the tracklayer walked.

Well that's what tracking is about 'Trusting Your Dog'. Gambit sort of stood still till I put his harness on and off he went straight up to the starting flag, sniffed the first sock and out he went straight out into the paddock he went with me holding onto a lead attached to his harness. He checked out the sheep, was terrified of the sheep's carcass and sheep's skull, checked out the sheep again and off he went, finding a sock, taking a corner and walking towards a gully. He was so sure that the track layer was in the gully, I was sure that the tracklayer couldn't have been there but had to wait for Gambit to decide that he had to continue on the track. He took off again, found another sock that wasn't supposed to be on the track and found the tracklayer. (I was told later that Gambit was indicating a tracklayer that was on the other side of the gully where he had indicated that someone was.)

My special Australian Shepherd had followed the track, found the socks, track layer and took all the corners giving him a pass for his Tracking 2 Test with a grading of Very Good and the Title of Tracking Dog.

A special thanks to those who have helped Gambit and I on our way to achieve this title.

Wendy Ganly

## AROUND ABOUTS



**Above:** Dec '05 – Club Instructor Ray Millard and his St Bernard watch as Club Instructor Val Moeller tries out the Rottie cart for size.



**Above:** Jun '06 – Handy with the paintbrush, Publicity Officer Sandy Malady gives the boards a quick touch up at the Working Bee.

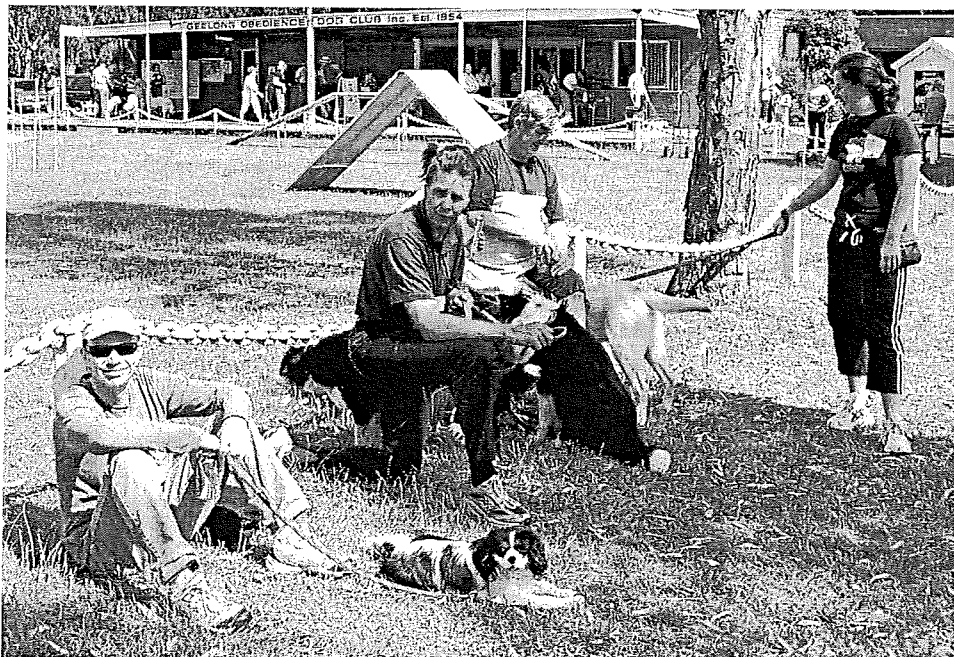


**Left:** Nov '04 – Obedience Trial Stewards take a break, Mark Kilbourne, Jenny Chase, Peter Baker, Moira McNair and Peter Roupas.

**Right:** Mar '07 – Trish Gavaghan shows us how Agility helps to keep you fit



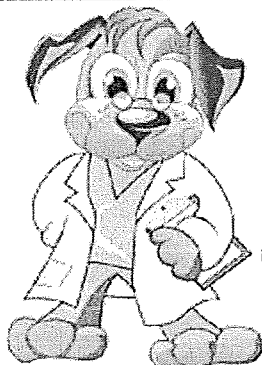
**Below:** Dec '04 – On Promotion Day, members wait their turn to be tested in the Graduate Ring.



### Around the GODC Chain Ring – recent times past –

With the unfortunate cancellation of our Open Obedience Trial due to bad ground and weather conditions, the planned Trial pictorial this month went out the window. I hope you enjoy this photo collection of some of our Members, loosely linked by the good old "Chain Ring".





# TEETH - SAVE A SMILE

by Dr Rachele Lowe – Excerpts from New Idea Magazine

Cats and dogs can suffer tooth decay too. Does Fido's breath make you wilt? If your beloved dog has bad breath, something may be wrong. Contrary to the urban myth, 'dog's breath' should actually smell just fine – when it comes out of a healthy mouth.

Around 70 percent of cats and dogs over the age of three have some sort of dental disease. Aside from this being bad news if they share the couch with you, it's not good for their health or welfare. You can help. Start with a visit to the vet to identify problems and treatment, and follow up with good preventative home care.

## PET DENTISTRY

Dentistry for pets means everything from routine scaling and polishing of teeth to root canal therapy, and even orthodontic treatment in some cases. Scaling and polishing needs to be done under a general anaesthetic and involves removing plaque and tartar from above and below the gums with an ultrasonic scaler. The teeth are then polished to remove ridges and to help prevent tartar from returning.

If your pet has a more complex problem, you may need a referral to a veterinary dental specialist. In some cases, root canal therapy and crown are available. Braces can be applied, but only in the interest of the pets' health.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO

Pet owners can do many things to prevent periodontal disease – in inflammation and infection of the gums – in their pets. Using Vegemite is one of them. When applied to a

child's soft toothbrush daily for gentle cleaning, cats and dogs usually learn to love the taste. After a while, apply animal toothpaste. This comes in an assortment of flavours, such as prawn, beef and biscuit, and is formulated to be lower in fluoride and foaming agents. Don't use human toothpaste. It's too high in fluoride, cats and dogs hate the taste and its foaming agents make them feel sick.

No luck with a toothbrush? Try a small hand towel, to get them used to having their teeth rubbed.

Feeding good quality, abrasive dry-food diets helps to clean teeth. Your vet will recommend the best one for your pet. Strong chewy toys can be good too. Some people feed bones, but do this with caution. Bones can fracture teeth and get stuck in the intestinal system.

## WHY IS DENTISTRY SO IMPORTANT?

Periodontal disease and tooth disease in cats and dogs is so prevalent that it's always part of a routine veterinary examination. Aside from causing discomfort and pain (which you may not realise because pets often hide their pain from us) bad teeth makes animals more susceptible to a number of diseases such as kidney infections and heart valve infections.



**There's absolutely no doubt at all that keeping a pet's mouth healthy helps them live longer and makes their everyday life far more comfortable.**

*Sent in by Peg Pope*

**DID YOU KNOW** – The average sled dog requires over 10,000 calories a day to run the Iditarod Trial Sled Dog Race. An adult human would have to consume 30,000 to 40,000 calories a day to burn the equivalent.



## VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

### August 2007

Subject to amendment

Please Note :

(S) Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032 Melway Ref 28 E12

(P) KCC Park, 655 Westport Highway, Skye Vic 3977 Melway Ref 128 J12

Date	Fixture	Affiliate	Venue	Judging Vic	
				Time	Dog
Sat 4	OBEDIENCE TRIAL & VCA TOP OBED DOG OF THE YEAR LURE RACING / EARTH DOG PRACTICE	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB	(P)	9.30am 2.00pm	June June
Sun 5	TRACKING WORKSHOP HERDING TRIAL & INSTINCT TEST OBEDIENCE TRIAL	RHOESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB CENTRAL HIGHLANDS KENNEL CLUB VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC	(P)	8.30am 10.30am	June
Sat 11	DBLE OPEN AGILITY / JUMPERS & REST TO BREED OBED TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL SPANIEL & RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL AGILITY TRIAL STATE HERDING TRIAL	DALMATIAN CLUB GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB RED CLIFFS DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB WANGARATTA K & O CLUB WANGARATTA K & O CLUB VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC	(P)	9.00am 1.30pm 8.00am 10.00am 9.00am Noon 9.00am	June
Sun 12	OBEDIENCE TRIAL AGILITY TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL SPANIEL & RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL STATE HERDING TRIAL	WANGARATTA K & O CLUB GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB RED CLIFFS DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION	(P)	8.30am Noon 8.00am 9.30am 9.00am	
Mon 13	TRACKING TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB		8.00am	
Sat 18	REST TO GROUP 3 OBED TRIAL REST TO GROUP 3 OBED TRIAL INSTINCT TEST, HERDING TEST & PRE TRIAL TEST NOVICE UTILITY GUNDOG TEST	GORDON SETTER CLUB GORDON SETTER CLUB VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOCIATION GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB	(P)	10.30am 1.15pm	
Sun 19	OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL INSTINCT TEST, HERDING TEST & PRE TRIAL TEST	BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOCIATION		9.15am 9.00am	June June
SAT 25	RETRIEVING TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WORKING GUNDOG CLUB WESTERN PORT OBED DOG CLUB TRACKING CLUB	(P)	8.30am Noon 7.30am	July
Sun 26	TRACKING TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL LURE COURSING RETRIEVING TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VIC MOORABBIN & DISTRICT OBED DOG CLUB MOORABBIN & DISTRICT OBED DOG CLUB RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WORKING GUNDOG CLUB	(P)	7.30am 9.00am 1.00pm 10.00am 8.30am	
Mon 27	TRACKING TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VIC		7.30am	

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007

Meeting commences at 8.00pm followed by a General Meeting

All Members welcome



### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Nomination Forms are now available to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Office Bearers wishing to re-stand must nominate again.

Nominations close on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2007. Nomination Forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms prior to the closing date.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President

Vice President x 2

Secretary

Treasurer

Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Executive Committee Members must be Members of the Victoria Canine Association. If you wish to stand for one of these positions, but are not a VCA Member there is provision for the Club to pay your VCA Membership Fees.

#### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

There are six (6) General Committee positions for which you can nominate. At the first Meeting of the new Committee each of those Members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions.

Canteen Manager

Hall Manager

Publicity Officer

Social Secretary

Grounds Manager

Equipment Manager/Assistant Grounds Manager

#### **NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions.

Shop Manager

Membership Officer

Minutes Officer

Training Supervisor

Training Manager

Display Team Leader

Bar Manager

Librarian

Assistant Librarian

Newsletter Editor

Webmaster

Raffle Steward

*If you wish to nominate for any of the above listed positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed form in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms. Nominations close for ALL positions on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.*

**GODC LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

'Any person, after a period of five (5) years continuous Membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the five (5) year period may be waived'.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life Membership who you feel meets the above criteria, write a brief resume, place it in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", and hand it to the Club Secretary not later than Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

**GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM**

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

VCA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(where applicable)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Members can complete one or all of the above Nomination Forms, but remember, if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate Nomination Form for each position. Nomination Forms are to be placed in the Ballot Box no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*